

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Dr. W. A. Bolling, of Louisville, a brother of Mrs. Galt, has gone to the wedding.

Camille de Coppet was elected President of Switzerland, succeeding Dr. Giuseppe Notta.

Both Lea and Patterson have pledged their support to McKellar for senator in Tennessee.

Sir John French has been relieved at his own request as British commander at the front and Gen. Sir Douglas Haig has succeeded him.

From Wednesday night to yesterday morning the rain fell in Hopkinsville as officially reported by Observer W. F. Randle, was 4.1 inches.

Austria's reply on the Ancona question is entirely unsatisfactory and a break in diplomatic relations is imminent. Austria, however, will be given one more chance.

Mrs. Phyllis Brooks, one of the famous Langhorne sisters of Greenwood, Va., has been granted absolute divorce from her husband, Reginald Brooks, New York clubman, on the grounds of desertion.

The wills of Elbert Hubbard and wife, lost on the Lusitania, show that they left \$433,580 to their two children. Both contained requests that their bodies be cremated and buried in the ground. Their bodies were never recovered.

Two trust funds of \$3,000 each are established under the will of Mrs. William T. Purdy, a wealthy widow of New York, for the care of her parrot "Polly" and her dog "Hop Sing." The remainder of Mrs. Purdy's large estate is divided among relatives.

Several years ago John Westall, of Live Oak, Cal., hid two \$100 bills in a copy of "Pilgrims Progress" and forgot about them. The other day his wife, while reading the book, found the bills. A handsome Christmas card will be given to the first lady reader who makes a correct guess as to what she did with them.

Harry Sommers has raised the point that Henry Lawrence's term as prison commissioner does not expire for two more years. When the board was organized he drew the short term and was reappointed in 1914. The law makes four-year officers ineligible for re-appointment, but an exception was made in the commissioner drawing the two-year term. Lawrence has served a two-year term and half of a four-year term.

RIVER OUT OF BANKS

Heaviest Rains For Several Months and High Water.

MANY CELLARS ARE FLOODED

Colder Yesterday With Prediction for Fair Weather.

The rain which began falling Wednesday night continued with but short intervals between showers until yesterday afternoon when it turned colder and the predictions were for fair weather to-day. The river was higher than for a long time, running around the North Main Street bridge and up to the top of the banks at the foot of Ninth. Many cellars are flooded with water and are being pumped out by automatic pumps. The streets are cleaner than for months, having been washed clean by the hard rains.

SEASON AT LAST

Sure Enough Warm Rain Fell Thursday to Queen's Taste.

IDEAL TOBACCO WEATHER

Farmers Busy Stripping and Weed Will Soon Be Moving.

At last the good old weather clerk has done the square thing and come across with a real, old-time, first-class tobacco season. The snow of Thursday morning was washed away by a rain that night that continued with rising temperature until yesterday, making just the tobacco season needed to move the crop.

Everybody with energy enough to grasp an opportunity is now busy stripping tobacco and by next week a great deal of it will be brought to town and converted into Christmas money. For once, even the merchants were glad to see a rainy spell, which fortunately came a week ahead of Christmas. It was rough while it lasted, but every downpour means a flood of dollars in the end.

No sales have been held this week but arrangements have been made for them to begin next Monday. The sale Monday will begin at 10 a. m. at R. E. & W. D. Cooper's place on Water street and the other houses will sell in the following order: Hancock Warehouse Co., the Farmers' Loose Floor or Wooldridge & Abernathy; Thompson's Loose floor; West's Loose Floor; M. H. Tandy & Co., and Butler & Jackson.

All of the regular buyers will be on hand and there is an air of optimism on all sides. Tobacco is already coming in at all of the floors and there will be a fine opening sale Monday.

LITIGATION OVER WILGUS ESTATE

Revenue Agent Sues To Recover \$1,500 Inheritance Tax From City.

Joseph C. Slaughter, as revenue agent for Christian county, has brought suit against George C. Long, administrator of the late W. A. Wilgus, seeking to collect the inheritance tax on that estate.

The petition figures the estate as being worth at least \$29,450 and a judgment for inheritance tax on this at the rate of \$5 on each \$100, is prayed.

Mr. Wilgus left his estate in trust to Mr. T. W. Long and at his death to provide playgrounds for the children of Hopkinsville. Mr. Long survived him only three weeks and his brother Mr. Geo. C. Long was appointed administrator a year ago.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Lewis Powell, D. D., Pastor. Sunday will be New Church Fund Day, both in the Sunday School and congregation. Those who pay their subscriptions and make offerings to the Building Fund by the month are requested not to forget next Sunday, if you please.

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. J. H. Cate, Superintendent.

At 10:45 a. m., Dr. Powell will preach on "Being a Doer and Not Simply a Hearer of the Gospel." The sermon will be especially appropriate to the recent converts and new members of the church.

At 7 p. m., the theme will be "The Danger of Halting Between Two Opinions."

Epworth League at 6 p. m. Dr. Powell will receive another large class into the church Sunday morning. Don't fail to come.

The Philippine islands produce nearly 10,000,000 gallons of alcohol yearly.

THE PRESIDENT WEDS TO-DAY



NEW STUNT CHRISTMAS

"Community Tree" Will Be Erected In Peace Park Christmas Eve.

Prof. L. E. Foster who has to his credit the distinction of having pulled off the biggest banquet ever given in Hopkinsville, is preparing to take a leading part in a brand new thing on a bigger scale. It will be what is called a "Community Christmas Tree." The tree, decorated, and strung with lights, will stand in the center of Peace Park, the lights will be turned on at dusk Christmas Eve and afterwards every night through the Christmas week.

At five o'clock also on Christmas Eve, the community will gather in the Park to sing the Christmas songs and carols. Prof. L. E. Foster, assisted by the High School orchestra and several members of the Third Regiment band, will lead the singing. One thousand copies of the words of the songs to be sung have been printed and are being distributed through the schools and Sunday schools. They are all more or less familiar to the older people.

SICK LIST.

Claude R. Clark was confined to his home all day Wednesday and Thursday with an attack of grippe.

L. R. Ashley, who was laid up several days with grippe, was able to be at his store yesterday.

Miss Mary Crenshaw has recovered from a spell of illness that lasted two or three weeks.

B. F. McClaid, who was dangerously burned when a lamp exploded in his hand, is now approaching convalescence.

R. E. Cooper has been laid up all this week with grippe.

Lander Meacham is able to be out after being ill several days with grippe.

WILSON-GALT LICENSE SECURED

His Age is Given as 59, While The Years of Bride Number 43.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A marriage license for President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt was issued at the local bureau. The wedding will take place Saturday night at Mrs. Galt's home here. The Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of the church which Mrs. Galt attends, will officiate. President Wilson is a Presbyterian.

The license, which was obtained by Chief Usher Isaac Hoover, of the White House staff, gives the President's age as 59 and Mrs. Galt's as 43.

Pastor Anderson Installed.

The Muhlenberg Presbytery met Thursday night at Westminster church by authority of moderator C. E. McLean.

The chief business of the Presbytery was to receive the Rev. A. S. Anderson and install him as pastor of the Westminster church. H. H. Brownell was also taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. The charge to the people of the congregation was spoken by C. E. Barker of Pembroke. The sermon of the occasion was delivered by Rev. Dr. Bovine of Bowling Green.

Three Appeals.

The Jan. 5 docket of the Court of Appeals contains the following cases from Christian:

Noe vs. Davis.
Troendle vs. Bell.
Troendle vs. McKee's Trustee.

State University.

Hopkinsville's representatives in the State University at Lexington, are expected home to-day for the holidays. Thomas Underwood arrived last night.

CHICAGO ON FIRST BALLOT

Republican National Convention Will Be Held There June 7.

AN OFFENSIVE WARFARE

To Be Waged Against Democrats Under National Committee Plans.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Republican National Convention will be held in Chicago June 7 next, a week in advance of the Democratic Convention in St. Louis.

Selection of Chicago as the convention city was one of the final acts of the Republican National Committee, which finished its work here late yesterday.

Only one ballot was taken. Chicago received thirty of the fifty-two votes cast.

The fact that the Democrats will hold their convention last and that thousands of them have already made hotel reservations several days in advance was a factor against the selection of St. Louis.

The committee is believed to have been influenced in deciding upon an early date for the convention as the result of arguments that the Republicans should not wait for the Democrats to meet first and announce its candidates and principles.

Change at Front.

Field Marshal Sir John French at his own request has been permitted to relinquish his post of commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium, and Gen. Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed him. As a mark of recognition of the Field Marshal's services since the war began, King George has made him a Viscount.

WAS DAUGHTER OF WEALTHY FARMER

Mrs. Messner, Killed in Ohio, Once Popular in Richmond's Younger Set.

Richmond, Ky., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Bessie Messner who was shot and killed by a jealous lover at Hamilton, O., was the daughter of H. F. Marcum, a wealthy farmer residing seven miles west of this city.

She left Richmond about two years ago, after the death of her first husband, Charles Duncan, son of B. K. Duncan, a liveryman, of this city. The younger Duncan, a few weeks after the wedding was stricken with pneumonia and lived only a few days.

Mrs. Messner was an unusually beautiful woman and before her marriage to Duncan was said to be one of the most popular girls in Richmond's younger set.

CITY MADE DEFENDANT

In a Damage Suit Growing Out of an Injury.

Mrs. C. E. Moses has filed suit for \$500 damages against the City of Hopkinsville, as next friend for her daughter, Hallie May Moses. It is alleged that the child on Dec. 12, stepped on a grating covering a mudhole on the east side of Main street, which was not properly placed and fastened and turned with her weight, throwing her into the hole, bruising and injuring her.

Holiday For Bethel.

Bethel College closed for the holidays and all of the girls and teachers, with a few exceptions, have gone to their respective homes until Monday Jan. 3, when the new term will open with an increased attendance, from all indications.

MORE HOPEFUL AS TO BALKANS

Landing of Italians in Albania Said to Simplify the Situation.

GERMANS ATTACK SALONIKI

Greece May Keep Bulgarians From Lending Aid to The German Army.

London, Dec. 17.—There is a more hopeful feeling in London with regard to the Balkan operations now that it is definitely announced that the Italians have effected a landing on the Albanian coast and that the Anglo-French force, which has fallen back toward Saloniki has been strongly reinforced with men and guns, including some heavy naval weapons.

It is not stated how large a force the Italians will send to the assistance of the Serbians and Montenegrins, but from the fact that the official account intimates that landings have been made at more than one port, it is taken for granted that an army of considerable proportions is to be sent across the Adriatic. This with the Montenegrins and Serbians who escaped from Albania will be a serious threat to the central powers right flank, while they can never look on in idleness to the concentration of an army at Saloniki, which at a chosen moment, would undertake an offensive, and to the gathering of Russians in Bessarabia.

It is anticipated therefore that the Germans will strike at Saloniki before the Anglo-French forces grow too strong, and it is believed with that end in view, they are now negotiating with the Greek government.

GREECE TO OPPOSE BULGARS.

If their plans include the participation of the Bulgarians in the attack, they are likely to meet with opposition from Greece, as Greece is strongly adverse to any Bulgarians crossing her frontier. This applies also to some extent to the Austrians, whose ambitions always have been for a portion of the Aegean, preferably Saloniki.

On the whole, therefore, it is thought here that the Greeks might prefer to see the entente allies remain there until the end of the war. In fact, Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary of foreign affairs, said in the house of commons that the Anglo-French plan was to keep the central powers from that city in accordance with the wishes of Greece.

Reports that the Germans are preparing for an offensive in the west persists, but thus far there has been little but artillery engagements and aerial fights and raids.

General Townshend, commanding the British forces in Mesopotamia, reports the repulse of another attack on Kut-el-Amara, since which the Turks have been quiet.

Robinson Remembered

Rev. Burke Calpepper, the noted southern revivalist, was not the only one remembered by the church people of Hopkinsville at the close of the Calpepper revival there last week. Mr. John U. Robinson, choir leader at the Calpepper meetings, was presented a handsome traveling toilet set and a beautiful umbrella. The following accompanied the gifts: Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 11, 1915. Mr. John U. Robinson, City.

Dear Brother Robinson:—With you please accept the gift accompanying this note as a small expression of our esteem for you personally, and of our appreciation of the excellent service you have so faithfully rendered as director of the choir during this wonderful series of meetings.

May you continue in this beautiful ministry of song, and always "make His praise glorious."

The Board of Stewards of the M. E. Church, South, and the Choir for the Calpepper Robinson Meeting. Paducah, Ky.